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1. DRAFT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES DISCUSSED REFTEL APPEAR GENERALLY
REALISTIC AND CONSISTENT WITH PARM PART I (DAR ES SALAAM 1384).
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BELIEVE, IMPROVE THE STATEMENT.

2. AMONG THE REASONS BEHIND THESE CHANGES ARE THE FOLLOWING
JUDGMENTS.

(A) THE PRESENCE OF A SIGNIFICANT US DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
IS THE SINE QUA NON FOR ALMOST ANY KIND OF REAL COOPERATION WITH
TANZANIA BUT AID IS NOT AN INSTRUMENT WHICH WILL HAVE MUCH EFFECT
ON AFRICAN OR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

(B) WE HAVE A VERY SATISFACTORY LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH
NYERERE. THIS CAN BE KEPT HEALTHY BY HIGH-LEVEL VISITS OF
AMERICANS AND TOP-LEVEL CORESPONDENCE, BUT IT CAN ALSO BE
OVERDONE. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE, NYERERE NOW HAS TO DEAL
WITH AFRICANS, INCLUDING SOME OF HIS OWN CITIZENS, WHO WONDER IF
HE HAS NOT GOTTEN TOO CLOSE TO THE U.S.

(C) IT IS TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT POLICY TO CULTIVATE AMONG ITS
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PEOPLE AN IMAGE OF THE U.S. AS THE HEADQUARTERS OF CAPITALISM
WITH WHICH TANZANIA'S IDEOLOGY OF SOCIALISM IS IN CONFLICT ON
BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES. TO
CHALLENGE THIS CONCEPT TOO AGGRESSIVELY IS MORE LIKELY TO HARDEN
THAN TO SOFTEN IT AND IS TO ENDANGER COOPERATION IN OTHER AREAS.

3. REVISED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOLLOWS:

I. TANZANIAN COOPERATION ON AFRICAN ISSUES.

-- MAINTAIN A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE WHICH WILL PERMIT COOPERATION ON AFRICAN ISSUES, PARTICULARLY SOUTHERN AFRICA.

--IN CONTINUING A HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, FOLLOW UP HIS SUCCESSFUL US STATE VISIT WITH CAREFULLY CHOSEN HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO TANZANIA BY AMERICANS AND SUBSTANTIVE TOP-LEVEL CORRESPONDENCE.

II. PROMOTE US SECURITY INTERESTS IN THE REGION.

--ENCOURAGE TANZANIA TO MAINTAIN ITS EVEN-HANDED POLICY OF DENYING USE OF ITS PORT AND AIRFIELDS TO MAJOR POWERS.

--HELP WHEN WE CAN TO AMELIORATE REGIONAL DISPUTES WHICH MIGHT LEND THEMSELVES TO INSTABILITY AND UNDERSIRABLE FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT.

III. IMPROVE TANZANIA'S IMAGE OF THE US.

--EMPHASIZE US POSITIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES AND THEIR COMPATIBILITY WITH MOST OF TANZANIA'S POSITIONS.

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--CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY AND SUPPORT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS WHICH WILL SERVE LEGITIMATE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND DEMONSTRATE OUR INTEREST IN TANZANIA'S EQUALITARIAN APPROACH TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

--SOFTEN TANZANIAN OFFICIAL AND MEDIA ATTITUDE TOWARD US WORLD ROLE, INCLUDING NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, VIA USIS CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES, AND MISSION CONTACTS WITH TANZANIANS.

--ENCOURAGE VISITS BY NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS THE EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS AS WELL AS INTERESTED PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS.

IV. MODERATE TANZANIA'S POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

--MAINTAIN QUIET DIALOGUE WITH HIGH-LEVEL POLICY-MAKERS TO FIND ISSUES WHERE OUR INTERESTS MIGHT COINCIDE AND AIM TO AVOID CONFRONTATION ON THOSE WHERE OUR POSITIONS CONFLICT.

--KEEP TANZANIAN OFFICIALS INFORMED OF OUR POSITIONS ON MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES THROUGH USIS PROGRAMS AND FOREIGN POLICY MATERIALS.

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